

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents.

New Residents

We welcome this month:

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, 39 Foxhollow	Mr. and Mrs. Eales, 43 Foxhollow
Mr. and Mrs. Sayer, 4 Foxhollow	Mr. and Mrs. Rodbard, 27 Foxhollow
Mr. and Mrs. Keane, 33 Foxhollow	Mr. and Mrs. Gwynn, 41 Foxhollow
Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, 2 Foxhollow (from 10 Acorn Avenue)	
Mr. and Mrs. Carter, 10 Acorn Avenue	Mr. and Mrs. Farley, 54 Foxhollow.

Apologies

We apologise for inadvertently omitting the Community School advance notice; details appear in this issue.

A delay was expected in producing the September Newsletter, but in fact it appeared on time: we apologise to would-be contributors whose items were left out in the confusion.

Finally, apologies to any residents, particularly in Foxhollow, who did not receive a Newsletter at all last month (when several of our regular deliverers were away on holiday and an amateur took over!) There are usually a few spare copies each month which can be obtained from 45 Acorn Avenue (80551), if yours should fail to arrive.

G.W.

The Community School

Our School is now officially designated one of the six primary schools in the county taking part in this experiment. To the people of Bar Hill there is little new in the idea of the school premises being used by the public after school hours, since from the beginning our building has been regarded as a natural meeting place for all the various clubs and societies which a thriving community has brought into existence. This caused some difficulties at times from the School's point of view, but from this month with the official blessing of Shire Hall, the Managers of the School and a Users' Committee our part in the experiment has its beginning. The first priority is to provide the school with facilities for adult meetings and we are now able to equip our second hall as part-classroom and part-lounge. What an improvement this will be from all those evenings sitting in infant chairs! Secondly, we hope to provide coffee from a servery for the benefit of our users. Small beginnings, but other improvements will follow as we get under way. To any parents who are worried about the community side of our work taking preference over the education of our children, may I say that the children will benefit by working and using facilities provided by the community at the school, and also that there are 200 children who will come first in educational provision before any adult needs are dealt with.

The growth of the community side of our school will depend on the demands which you, as residents of Bar Hill, put upon it. If a group of like-minded people wish to band together to follow a joint pursuit or interest, we will do our best to help provide the facilities.

W.H.S. Norton, Headmaster

Community Tutor Tom Simpson, 18 Robin Close, has been appointed Community Tutor. Any present or prospective user of the Community School is welcome to contact him with ideas and suggestions. He would be pleased to discuss the facilities the School has available with anyone interested in starting a new activity in the Village. He can be contacted at the School (80332) daily, or on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Bar Hill W.I.

All newcomers to the Village are most welcome at our meetings, held at 7.45 p.m. in the School on the 1st Thursday of each month. On October 5th our subject will be "Drug Abuse"; and on 2nd November our speaker will be Mr. Donald of the Blood Transfusion Service.

Clinic

Starting this month, the Clinic will be held in the Church Centre on first and third Thursdays at 2.30 p.m.

Poppies

Anyone interested in selling poppies in your own road in Bar Hill (first week of November) for the local branch of the British Legion, please let the Revd. D. McIlhagga know (80331), 19 Acorn Avenue.

Hotel

Villagers interested in obtaining employment at the Hotel should contact:
G. Abraham, Esq., Cunard Trafalgar Hotels Ltd., 15 Lower Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

Proposed Bar Hill Gramophone Society

Would residents who are interested in classical music (all shades) and who mainly rely on the gramophone to provide their music, please contact me. I wish to see if there would be sufficient support in the Village to form a Gramophone Society; if so we will hold an open meeting to set the Society up. I am:- Gerald Craske of 34 Partridge Drive (80570). Please phone or call round, but evenings only.

Daytime Classes

There is still time to join the classes being held on Tuesdays in the Church Centre: Yoga, at 10.00 - 12.00, and Drawing and Painting at 2.00; just come to the class and enrol. If baby-minding is a problem, it should be possible to organise a creche during the morning Yoga class: the former Playgroup Hut is available, and all that is needed is a sufficient number of mothers to organise a rota - the more mothers there are interested, the fewer classes we should each have to miss! Contact Gillian Wills, 45 Acorn Avenue (80551), if you are interested. It may also be possible to have over-3's at Playgroup on Tuesday afternoons only: contact J. Hook (80352).

Playgroup

The Committee would like to thank all those parents who helped finish the painting of the meetings room; without this help we would not have been able to open in time. We will be sending out invitations to all Playgroup parents to an open evening. We thought you would like to come and have a good look round at the equipment and toys. The Cambs. PPA adviser is hoping to come and talk about the value of a good playgroup.

Garden Club

Next meeting will be at the School, Tuesday 10th October, 8 p.m. There will be a talk: "Autumn Colour in Flower Arranging" by a speaker from the Country Centre. Advance notice of a Special General Meeting, 14th November, to consider changes to the constitution so that the Horticultural Society can become a full member of the Community School Users' Association.

Badminton Club

The Club is now open on Thursday evenings from 7.0 for residents wishing to learn: please come along - we have racquets, all you need is a pair of plimsolls.

"Tea Lady"

Lady required, by Intervet Laboratories (on the Industrial Estate), to make morning coffee and afternoon tea for about 25 people. Pleasant working conditions in well-equipped kitchen. Please apply in person to the Personnel Officer, or ring 80503.

Ugandan Asians

A clothing collection is being held at the Hills Rd. Methodist Church Hall (entrance in Norwich St.) from 10.30-3.0, Mon.-Fri. until 27 Oct. Warm, clean clothes in good condition (especially children's) are most needed, also games for teenagers, and toys. If you can help in any other way, e.g. shopping, hospitality, accommodation, please contact Mr. E. Johnson (Cambridge 860265) or Mrs. D. Wilcox of the WRVS (C.50293).

BHRA: From the Secretary's Notepad

Communal Play Areas Our thanks to residents who gave their views on the type of play equipment they would like to see on the play areas and the Village Green. It seems best to create adventure playgrounds in the communal areas, and keep swings, roundabouts, etc. to the Village Green, where younger children would normally be supervised; these were the conclusions reached at our recent meeting with the Parish Council, and we will now do our best to see that the equipment is supplied as soon as possible.

Village Bank We recently asked the National Westminster Bank to consider extending their opening hours, at least to include Fridays; they are unable to do so at present.

Buses You may have noticed the recent publicity given to a resident's experience while waiting for a bus which failed to stop at the A604 junction. The matter was first brought to the notice of a committee member who complained at the Parish Council meeting which we always attend. The local press were also there and took the matter up with the Bus Company. The moral is clear: if you have a problem and we can assist, please let us know - we cannot guarantee press publicity, but we will do our best to help.

Parking in Otter Close and Gardens Following a meeting of residents concerned we sent suggestions for improving parking to the Developers. They have replied that they would agree to our marking individual bays on the backs of garage blocks facing the road: small white markers would be fixed 4 feet up the wall, clearly visible. Please let me know of any objections within 14 days - after that we will ask for work to go ahead. The Developers have also agreed to cut back grass verges on the corner of Otter Close during road resurfacing; this should provide four additional bays.

Mrs. Burry Due to personal reasons Mrs. Burry has offered her resignation to the Committee; we have accepted it with reluctance, as her help and guidance have proved invaluable during her long term of office. The Committee wish to express their gratitude to Mrs. Burry, and to wish her and her daughter every health and happiness for the future.

Kevin Read-Jones (80384)

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